#### Practitioner's Docket No. SST/1197

**PATENT** 

	IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In	re application of: Toback, Alex S.
	oplication No.: 09/634,908 Group No.: 3635 led: August 9, 2000 Examiner: Varner, S. r: SELF-DRILLING, SELF-ANCHORING FASTENER FOR CONCRETE
	ssistant Commissioner for Patents ashington, D.C. 20231
	STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. section 3.73(b)  ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION
1.	The assignee(s) of the entire right, title and interest hereby seek(s) to take action in the PTO in this matter.
	IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE
2.	Name of assignee: Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc. Type of assignee: Corporation
	PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN
3.	Name of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee: Stephen B. Lamson  CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. sections 1.8(a) and 1.10*  (When using Express Mail, the Express Mail label number is mandatory;
I ha	Express Mail certification is optional.)  reby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:
IIIC	MAILING
	deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.
	37 C.F.R. section 1.8(a) 37 C.F.R. section 1.10*
	with sufficient postage as first class mail.  as "Express Mail Post Office to Address"  Mailing Label No (mandatory)
	TRANSMISSION
	transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office.
Date	
	Signature
	(type or print name of person certifying)
*WA	ARNING: Each paper or fee filed by "Express Mail" must have the number of the "Express Mail" mailing label placed thereon prior to mailing. 37 C.F.R. section 1.10(b).  "Since the filing of corresponded by the great section 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an expressible that can be greated by the great section 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an expressible that can be greated by the great section 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an expressible that can be greated by the great section 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an expressible that can be greated by the great section 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express Mail" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express" mail mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express" mailing label the "Express" mailing label the "Express" mailing label thereon is an expression of the "Express" mailing label the "Exp

oversight that can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care, requests for waiver of this requirement will not be granted on petition." Notice of Oct. 24, 1996, 60 Fed. Reg. 56,439, at 56,442.

(Statement under 37 C.F.R. section 3.73(b) Establishing Right of Assignee to Take Action-page 1 of A) 314/02

Title of person authorized to sign: President

I, the person signing below, state that I am empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

#### **BASIS OF ASSIGNEE'S INTEREST**

Ownership by the assignee is established as follows:

A. Assignments (document) separately being submitted for recordal herewith.

1967

1. Document entitled: ASSIGNMENT

From:

Alex S. Toback

To:

Toback & Associates LLC

Of:

Provisional Patent Application 60/170,689

Inventor: Alex S. Toback

Executed:

January 10, 2002

2. Document entitled: IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE ASSIGNMENT TOBACK & ASSOCIATES LLC TO SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC.

From:

Alex S. Toback

To:

Toback & Associates LLC

From:

Toback & Associates LLC

To:

Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.

Of:

Provisional Patent Application 60/170,689 Non-provisional Patent Application 09/634,908

Inventor: Alex S. Toback

Executed:

January 10, 2002

B. Assignments (document) already recorded:

1. Document entitled: ASSIGNMENT

From: Alex S. Toback

To: Toback & Associates LLC

Of: Non-Provisional Patent Application 09/634,908

Inventor: Alex S. Toback

The assignment was filed concurrently with the application.

Executed: August 7, 2000

Recorded: 1/25/2001 Reel: 011464 Frame: 0467

#### COPIES OF DOCUMENTS IN CHAIN OF TITLE

Copies of the assignment(s) or other document(s) in the chain of title are attached as follows:

**A1** 

- A2

**B1** 

Signature of authorized person Stephen B. Lamson President

Charles R. Cypher Registration No. 41694 Law Offices of James R. Cypher 405 14th Street, Suite 1607 Oakland, CA 94612-2747

510-832 4111 Customer No. 498

FORM PTO-1595 RECORDATION FO	ORM COVER SHEET  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE				
OMB No. 0651-0011 (exp. 4/94)  Fab settings ⇒ ⇒ ▼  ▼  ▼	TS ONLE 8 2 7 31 4821  Patent and Trademark Office				
	Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.				
1. Name of conveying party(ies):	Name and address of receiving party(ies):				
Alex S. Toback					
	Name:Toback & Associates LLC				
	Internal Address:				
Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?					
3. Nature of conveyance:					
Assignment Merger	Street Address: 106 South Street				
	100 Bouur Bucci				
Other	City: West Hartford State: CT ZIP: 06110-1961				
Execution Date: January 10, 2002	Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?				
4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):					
If this document is being filed together with a new application	the execution date of the application is:				
A. Patent Application No.(s)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				
	B. Patent No.(s) 6				
09/634,908<~~ 3 INOC	9				
60/170,669	47				
Additional numbers atta					
E Name and address of newly to whom company and are	4				
5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:	6. Total number of applications and patents involved:				
•					
Name: Charles R. Cypher	7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00				
Internal Address:					
	Enclosed Check no. 8238				
	Authorized to be charged to deposit account				
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Street Address: 405 14th Street, Suite 1607	8. Deposit account number:				
ou Oakland					
City: Oakland State: CA ZIP: 94612	(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)				
DO NOT (	USE THIS SPACE				
9. Statement and signature.					
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of					
the original document.	16:				
Charles R. Cypher Name of Person Signing	Signature March 11, 2002				
	ver sheet, attachments, and document:				

#### Attorney Docket: METALT/107/US

# EL 827 31 4821

#### **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, Alex S. Toback, residing at 65 Fox Chase Lane, West Hartford, Connecticut 06117 have invented new and useful improvements in

#### **CONCRETE FASTENER**

967

for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, which a Provisional Patent Application was filed on December 14, 1999, under Serial No. 60/170,689; and

N

WHEREAS, Toback & Associates LLC, a Connecticut corporation, having a place of business at 106 South Street, West Hartford, Connecticut 06110-1961, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One (1) Dollar to me in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Alex S. Toback, sell, assign and transfer to Toback & Associates LLC, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and in and to any Letters Patent which may be obtained thereon in the United States and in all countries foreign thereto, together with said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other applications for Letters Patent which have been or may be filed on said improvements in the United States or any other country; the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its and their sole use and behoof; and I do hereby further assign to the Assignee the right to file applications for patent in all countries on said improvements and all rights of priority resulting from any application for Letters Patent filed on said improvements.

I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent of the United States on said improvements to the Assignee.

I further covenant and agree that when requested by the Assignee, and without further consideration, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, I will, for any and all countries, execute and deliver all applications for patent on said improvements, execute all lawful oaths and other papers, supply to the Assignee all facts and evidence known to me relating to said improvements and the history and development thereof, testify in all interferences, suits, and other legal proceedings, and generally do everything rightful which the Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining, and enforcing proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting the title to said improvements in the Assignee.

## EL827314821

I further covenant that I have the lawful right to assign the interest in said improvements in the manner and form as herein expressed and that the interests herein conveyed are free from prior assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other encumbrance whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as of and for this 10th day of January

State of Correction )

Ounty of Hatford) ss: Recky Hill

On this <u>lot</u>, day of <u>January</u>, 2002, before me personally appeared Alex S. Toback, who acknowledged that he signed the within instrument and that he executed the same as his own free act and deed.

Date Commission Expires:

G:\1wpdocs\GDY\AA-ASSIGNMENTS\METALT107USASSIGN1INVENPROV.doc

(Rev. 6-93)		RM COVER SHEET U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COM			
OMB, No. 0651-0011 (exp. 4/94)  Tab settings ⇒ ⇒ ▼	SONLY Patent and Trademark				
To the Honorable Commissioner of Pater	nts and Trademarks:	<del></del>		ocuments or	CONV thereof
Name of conveying party(ies):	Name and address of receiving party(ies):      Name: Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.				
Toback & Associates L					
	Internal Address:				
Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?	Yes X No				
3. Nature of conveyance:			<del></del>	·····	
Assignment	Street Address: 4120 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 400				
Security Agreement C	hange of Name				
Other	<del></del>	City: <u>Dublin</u>		State: <u>CA</u>	ZIP: <u>94568</u>
Execution Date: January 10, 2002	Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?				
4. Application number(s) or patent number(s)  If this document is being filed together v  A. Patent Application No.(s)		, the execution date of B. Patent No	- •	967947	•
09/634,908 60/170,689			524	•	
	Additional numbers atta	ched? Yes X	No		
5. Name and address of party to whom concerning document should be mailed:	orrespondence	6. Total number of a	pplications and	patents invo	ved: X2
Name: Charles R. Cypher	7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41)s 40.00 キ ソク・のク				
Internal Address:	Enclosed Check no. 8238				
	Authorized to be charged to deposit account				
Street Address: 405 14th Street, Suite	8. Deposit account number:				
City: Oakland State: C	(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)				
	DO NOT	JSE THIS SPACE			
9. Statement and signature.  To the best of my knowledge and belief,	the foregoing inform	ation is true and correc	t and any attaci	hed copy is a	true copy of

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document:

Charles R. Cypher
Name of Person Signing

March 11, 2002

Date

Signature

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#### **ASSIGNMENT**

### TOBACK & ASSOCIATES LLC TO SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC.

- 1. WHEREAS, ALEX S. TOBACK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in West Hartford, CT has made an invention, filed a provisional patent application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office based thereon, entitled CONCRETE FASTENER, on December 14, 1999, said application having received Application No. 60/170,689 and being also identified by Attorney's docket No. METALT/107/US, and also filed a non-provisional patent application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon, entitled SELF-DRILLING, SELF-ANCHORING FASTENER FOR CONCRETE, on August 9, 2000, said application having received Application No. 09/634,908 and claiming priority of said provisional application;
- 2. WHEREAS, ALEX S. TOBACK has sold, assigned and transferred unto TOBACK & ASSOCIATES LLC (ASSIGNOR), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said provisional application and said non-provisional application, and in and to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part, of said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise) which have been or may be granted on any of the foregoing; to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by Alex S. Toback had the assignment and transfer not been made:
- 3. WHEREAS, TOBACK & ASSOCIATES LLC (ASSIGNOR), a Limited Liability Company of <u>Connecticut</u>, having its principal office at 106 South Street, West Hart ford 60110 is the sole and exclusive owner, of said invention, said provisional application and said

non-provisional application for Letters Patent of the United States of America;

- 4. WHEREAS, SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC. (ASSIGNEE), a corporation of California having its principal office at 4120 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 400, Dublin, CA 94568 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention, said provisional application and said non-provisional application and any patents domestic or foreign to be obtained therefor;
- 5. NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR by these presents does sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said provisional application and said non-provisional application and in and to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part, of said non-provisional application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise) which have been or may be granted on any of the foregoing; the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, for its own use and behoof, and for its legal representatives and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made.
- 6. ASSIGNOR and Alex S. Toback hereby covenant that no assignment, sale agreement, or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale, and ASSIGNOR and Alex S. Toback further covenant that TOBACK & ASSOCIATES LLC (ASSIGNOR), its successors and assigns, hold the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said provisional application and said non-provisional application, and in and to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part, of said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in

foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise) which have been or may be granted on any of the foregoing;

- 7. ASSIGNOR and Alex S. Toback hereby covenant that no license to make, use or sell the subject matter of said invention, said provisional application, said non-provisional application or any patents domestic or foreign that may be obtained therefor, express or implied has been or will be made or entered into with an individual or entity other than said ASSIGNEE.
- 8. ASSIGNOR does further agree for itself and for its successors, assigns, and nominees, and Alex S. Toback does further agree for himself and for his heirs, executors and administrators, that they will, upon ASSIGNEE's request, promptly provide ASSIGNEE its successors, assigns, and nominees, all pertinent facts, embodiments and documents relating to said invention, said non-provisional application and said application and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto.
- 9. ASSIGNOR does further agree for itself and for its successors, assigns, and nominees, and Alex S. Toback does further agree for himself and for his heirs, executors and administrators, to promptly execute and deliver without further consideration but at the expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or nominees, to fully secure to ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or nominees, any further applications, assignments, instruments, prototypes, samples, documents, declarations or affidavits, and to perform such other acts as are lawful and may be deemed necessary by the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or nominees, to fully secure to ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or nominees, the interests as aforesaid.
- 10. ASSIGNOR and Alex S. Toback do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to ASSIGNEE, as the assignee of the entire interest therein.

Executed, this 10 th day of <u>January</u> , 2000 by:					
TOBACK & ASSOCIATES LLC					
Signed: Oly Man.  Title: President					
Executed, this 1014 day of January , 2000 by:					
ALEX S. TOBACK					
Signed: Aly Mun 9					
CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT 5					
State of Connecticut					
County of Hart Ford					
On January 10, 2002 before me, personally appeared  Alex S. Toback					
personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory					
evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the					
within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed					
the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by					
his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity					
upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.					
Signature Signature of the Superior Court					

EL827314821



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Patent and Trademark Office ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, D.C. 20231

APRIL 09, 2001

PTAS



ALIX, YALE & RISTAS, LLP GUY D. YALE, ESQ. 750 MAIN STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103-2721

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE NOTICE OF RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT DOCUMENT

THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENT HAS BEEN RECORDED BY THE ASSIGNMENT DIVISION OF THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE. A COMPLETE MICROFILM COPY IS AVAILABLE AT THE ASSIGNMENT SEARCH ROOM ON THE REEL AND FRAME NUMBER REFERENCED BELOW.

PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS NOTICE. THE
INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS RECORDATION NOTICE REFLECTS THE DATA
PRESENT IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT SYSTEM. IF YOU SHOULD
FIND ANY ERRORS OR HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS NOTICE, YOU MAY
CONTACT THE EMPLOYEE WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THIS NOTICE AT 703-308-9723.
PLEASE SEND REQUEST FOR CORRECTION TO: U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE,
ASSIGNMENT DIVISION, BOX ASSIGNMENTS, CG-4, 1213 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY,
SUITE 320, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231.

RECORDATION DATE: 01/25/2001

REEL/FRAME: 011464/0467 NUMBER OF PAGES: 4

BRIEF: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

ASSIGNOR:

TOBACK, ALEX S.

DOC DATE: 08/07/2000

ASSIGNEE:

TOBACK & ASSOCIATES 106 SOUTH STREET WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

06110-1961

SERIAL NUMBER: 09634908

PATENT NUMBER:

FILING DATE: 08/09/2000

ISSUE DATE:

TARA WASHINGTON, EXAMINER ASSIGNMENT DIVISION OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS

# EL827314821

Attorney Docket: TOB/101/US

#### **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, Alex S. Toback, residing at 65 Fox Chase Lane, West Hartford, Connecticut 06117 have invented new and useful improvements in

# SELF-DRILLING, SELF-ANCHORING FASTENER FOR CONCRETE

96

WHEREAS, Toback & Associates LLC, a Connecticut Corporation, having a place of business at 106 South Street, West Hartford, Connecticut 06110-1961, is the desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One (1) Dollar to me in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Alex S. Toback, sell, assign and transfer to Toback & Associates LLC, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and in and to any Letters Patent which may be obtained thereon in the United States and in all countries foreign thereto, together with said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other applications for Letters Patent which have been or may be filed on said improvements in the United States or any other country; the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its and their sole use and behoof; and I do hereby further assign to the Assignee the right to file applications for patent in all countries on said improvements and all rights of priority resulting from any application for Letters Patent filed on said improvements.

I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent of the United States on said improvements to the Assignee.

967947524

# Assignee, and

# EL827314821

I further covenant and agree that when requested by the Assignee, and without further consideration, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, I will, for any and all countries, execute and deliver all applications for patent on said improvements, execute all lawful oaths and other papers, supply to the Assignee all facts and evidence known to me relating to said improvements and the history and development thereof, testify in all interferences, suits, and other legal proceedings, and generally do everything rightful which the Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining, and enforcing proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting the title to said improvements in the Assignee.

I further covenant that I have the lawful right to assign the interest in said improvements in the manner and form as herein expressed and that the interests herein conveyed are free from prior assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other encumbrance whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as of and for this 7 day of August, 2000.

ALEX S. TOBACK

State of Connecticut )

) \$8:

County of HARTFORD)

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of AUGUST\_\_\_, 2000, before me personally appeared Alex S. Toback, who acknowledged that he signed the within instrument and that he executed the same as his own free act and deed.

Date Commission Expires: JUNE 80, 2003

Notary Public